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Quaint Frocks for Quaint Little Folks



She is nearing the awkward age, but you would never suspect it when she wears this dress of dark blue serge with wide collar and cuffs of plaited muslin.

Over the Bridge of Dreams

By ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

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This is the time of year when we turn our thoughts backward and review our lives from childhood to maturity. We remember the early schooldays, the names of teachers we had almost forgotten occur to us, friends long dead rise from their graves and smile upon us, and from the land-of-forgotten things floats strange perfumes and sounds. We go back over the bridge of dreams and find the meadows of the used-to-be, and there we live again the old raptures, old sorrows, vanished friendships and ephemeral loves; lost ideals and out-lived pleasures, once beautiful with vivid life. We read, too, on mouldy tombstones, half overgrown, the names of friends long buried, and we wonder sadly how long it will be before our own names remain only on mouldering tombstones. While the meta-physical philosophy of the day urges us to keep our faces ever set toward the future, and to avoid retrospect and melancholy, both are nevertheless good for the soul at times. Just as it is well to go over one's accounts, over one's house, over one's wardrobe, and readjust and set things in order, just so it is well to review one's life, to remember one's mistakes, and to realize, whetted so doing, the mental, moral and spiritual benefits which have resulted from those mistakes. It would not be well for us to find a record of only great, good and wise achievements. Such a retrospection would lead to egotism and would destroy sympathy in our hearts. God sent us here to make mistakes. To strive, to fail, to begin. To taste the bitter fruit of sin. And find what bitter food it makes. To miss the path, to go astray. To wander blindly in the night; But searching, praying for the Light, Until at last we find the way. Who falls finds later triumph sweet; Who stumbles once, walks then with care. And knows the place to cry, "Beware!" To other unaccustomed feet. Just in the measure that your sorrows, your mistakes, your agonies and your trials have awakened sympathy and understanding of human nature in your heart has been your success in life. Not in the money that you have gained, not in fame, power, glory or opulence lies success. You may lack all of these things and the world may call you a failure; but if life has taught you sympathy, compassion, tolerance, patience and love, you are, indeed, a success.

In-Shoots

When wife leaves town on a visit the husband's morals sometimes take a vacation, too. Most of us have little use for the cheap actor who calls on "The Star-Spanking Banner" to help him out. While the church choir sings of paradise, the members often act as though they were headed for the other place.

The hem seems as full as mother's frock, and is plain and embroidered in rings of feather stitching. The body of the dress is of dotted Swiss.

A Fictionless Fable
The Girl Who Found a Late Partner

By ANN LISLE.

There was once a little girl who was always the very last to get a partner at dancing school and the very last to be invited to school festivities when the "were home."
By the time she was 15, Bessie was well aware of the fact that "boys weren't specially interested in her." She had a snub nose and a generous mouth and twinkling brown eyes and a rather plump figure, and recognized that none of these things made for beauty.
Edna and Kitty and Genevieve were all attractive and the boys liked them and they were sure to have love affairs and good times and offers of marriage. Bessie accepted that, and having accepted it saw no object in weeping over it, but decided instead to go after the sort of success that depended upon her rather than the sort that must come through masculine preference.
Bessie took stock of her abilities. There was nothing in particular she could do except keep her temper on all occasions, and that she decided would just about qualify her to clerk in a shop where women's wear was sold.
Bessie managed to get a position. It developed that beside keeping her temper she had other talents. These were an eye for color combinations, and ability to bring out other women's good points, a soothing effect, on high strung creatures who didn't like to be waited on by clerks who far outshone them in beauty and charm, and an untiring interest in the problems of other women.
At the end of five years Bessie found herself at the head of the dressmaking department of the store. She was earning money enough to pay for her own taxicab and lunches and theater tickets, and she was much too interested in her work to care whether she interested men or not.
In the process of studying line and color Bessie had naturally drifted into a way of doing her hair at an angle that counteracted the snubbiness of her nose and that glossed over the roundness of her face.
She had begun to wear black as a matter of business and wakened gradually to an artistic perception that long sweeping black draperies were just as merciful to her figure as they were to that of fat Mrs. de Millions.
Nature had not designed Bessie for beauty, but Bessie grew into a good enough designer to manage to add a lot of beauty to nature.
She didn't miss masculine attention, because she was giving her own attention to various other things. When she was 22 the son of the store owner decided that she was a wonderful asset to the firm and honored her with an invitation to become a member of it and his wife at one and the same time.
Bessie responded with unspooled love to his rather indifferent love making and

kindled in him emotion as genuine as his admiration had been.
Edna, of the many partners in dancing school, had already taken two of them as matrimonial partners and was now managing to exist on \$25 a week alimony. Kitty had too many admirers to make a choice and was an aging and unattractive society woman, whose empty life showed clearly on her empty and vacuous face.
Genevieve, who had always been Bessie's envy and despair in her unpopular youth, was trying to bring up six children on the limited income of the good-looking village "ner-do-well" whom she had married at 15 just when Bessie had dedicated herself to a life of work.
"You're the only man who ever asked me to marry him," said honest Bessie to her fiancé.
And the gallant fiancé, looking at the "shining brown eyes" and the "beautifully coiffed hair" and the "daintily reticent nose" and the "pleasingly feminine figure" in its delicate black draperies, replied honestly enough, "Well, I'm probably not the only man who wanted to—but I suppose you were much too busy to listen."
In life, and in dancing school, a girl can have only one partner at a time; and late comers may serve you well when early ones merely serve you right.

Advice to Lovelorn
By Beatrice Fairfax

Ask for an Explanation.

Dear Miss Fairfax, I am 19 and dearly love a young man three years my senior. I have known him for about eight months, and he has in many ways shown that he loves me. But lately he seems to avoid me. Would you please tell me how I can keep his friendship, as I love him very much.
Y. V. S.

Ask the young man for an explanation, and tell him you think that much is due your old friendship. As a matter of fact, he is young and so probably fickle. I suppose he has simply gotten over his interest in you, and you will be wise to accept the situation and simply drop the matter.

Call Her "Mother."

Dear Miss Fairfax: As I expect to become a bride soon, will it be proper for me to address my intended husband's mother as Mrs. —, or is it proper for her to tell me to address her as mother.
Y. V. S.

My dear girl the mother of the man you are so shortly to marry has loved her boy for long years before you knew him, and is in a way losing him to you. Can't you see for yourself how sweet and generous it would be for you to call her mother and make her feel that she is gaining a daughter rather than losing a son? Don't hesitate any longer about offering her this sweet honor and affection.

Don't take them seriously, the little pantalettes; they complete a pretty picture, but the coat is as comfortable without them. Wine colored populin and beaver fur are suggested here.

Strictly in Style

Smoking is an effective trimming for velvet evening coats.
White satin slippers, embroidered with dull white beads, are worn for evening.
The very round, melon shaped muffs are especially effective in white tailless ermine.
A double cape at the back that hangs to the waist is used on some of the new top coats.
The uneven hem still prevails. Often it is shorted in front than in back, and it is still scalloped.
In a pleated skirt a plain front and back panel is often combined with a plain, carefully fitted yoke.
The bolero, which may be a big feature of spring styles, is effectively used now and then on midwinter frocks.
The fichu, which is used on many waists and bodices, is usually finished with a ruffle, a scallop, or some other rather fancy edge.
Buttons are still called on to finish a trimming element to complete frocks. They are much used on some of the new cape collars.
Butterflies are still influencing fashion. Some of the frocks with a fichu drape over the bodice show a sort of butterfly bow at the front.
Accordion plaits are used in some of the silk and satin frocks. The lower edge of the skirt is usually bound or edged with ribbon, to give a flare effect.
One-sided accents are many in winter frocks. Evening frocks that have no sleeves are usually made with a strap of one fabric over one shoulder and another sort of strap over the other. Beads and chiffon are used in this way, flowers and ribbons or tulle and fur.
In spite of the fact that good eyes are difficult to obtain, and that some authorities on the situation are urging women to wear white stockings, colored stockings of various sorts are in fashion. Often the upper part of the stocking is in brilliant stripes, the lower part plain black, navy blue, plum or some other dark color.

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The Probation Idea

"This probation idea is all very well, but it should be played up with moderation."
"Hub!"
"It is not an ideal condition of affairs to have everybody in jail or out on probation."
—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Try This If You Have Dandruff

There is one sure way that never fails to remove dandruff completely and that is to dissolve it. This destroys it entirely. To do this, just get about four ounces of plain, ordinary liquid arvon; apply it at night when retiring; use enough to moisten the scalp and rub it in gently with the finger tips.
By morning, most if not all, of your dandruff will be gone, and three or four more applications will completely dissolve and entirely destroy every single sign and trace of it, no matter how much dandruff you may have.
You will find, too, that all itching and digging of the scalp will stop instantly, and your hair will be fluffy, lustrous, glossy, silky and soft, and look and feel a hundred times better.
You can get liquid arvon at any drug store. It is inexpensive, and four ounces is all you will need. This simple remedy has never been known to fail.—Advertisement.

Kissing and the Grip

By WOODS HUTCHINSON, M. D.

The much head-lined peril of osculation, while kissing, like any other form of direct contact, is quite capable of spreading the grip, but the actual percentage part played by it in circulating the infection is probably little more than trivial.

There is so little of it anyway, except between mothers and children, and members of the same family have so many other active ways of passing along the infection that the kiss probably plays only about as heavy a part in the "mortality" as the bayonet does in modern war.

With the sneeze killing at twenty feet and everybody doing it and the kiss deadly only "hand-to-hand" and only an occasional luxury, it seems a pity to denounce one of the few pleasures of life and necessities of a happy home on account of the infinitesimal part which it may play in spreading infection.

The foolish and indiscriminate pecking practiced by some women whenever they meet might well be discouraged, and also the cheerful custom of expecting or allowing every visitor to kiss the children and slobber over the baby, but the actual number of recorded cases of disease definitely known to have been transmitted by a kiss is distinctly small.

When it comes to local measures for either the prevention or cure of the grip, it must be said at once that any attempt at antiseptic treatment, in the sense of aiming to destroy or neutralize the invading germs in the nose or throat, will defeat itself, because any remedy strong enough to be really effective as a germicide would do more harm to our nose or throat than it would to the germs.

On the other hand, there is a considerable amount of value in measures directed to keeping the nose and throat clean and well flushed out and healthfully stimulated by means of mild cleansing and weakly antiseptic washes and sprays.

The main requirement of these is that they should be alkaline and contain sufficient neutral salt or salts to bring

them up to about the specific gravity of the blood serum.

Mild aromatics, such as the camphor, menthol or turpentine series add to their efficiency, partly because of their mild antiseptic effect and also by their pungent and convincing odor. Any intelligent physician or hospital clinic can give you a formula which will be suited to your particular throat and prove useful in a variety of ways.

Just plain baking soda or salt, half a teaspoonful to a glass of lukewarm water, will serve very well, but the balanced mixtures are more agreeable and effective.

It is a good thing to keep a box of soda on your dressing table or washstand, both to wash out the mouth and gargle the throat with freely whenever it feels uncomfortable, or when you have been exposed to foul air and possible infection.

Some mild oily spray such as liquid vasoline, with menthol, is also useful for cleaning out the nose and throat under the same circumstances. It has frequently been noted by observant nose and throat specialists that rather a high percentage of their regular patients, who were under routine treatment for catarrh and other nasal and throat conditions, seem to escape attack during epidemics of the grip.

Not that there is any special magic in the treatment, which of course, varies widely in different patients, but that all of them as a part of the routine were using mildly alkaline and antiseptic washes in the nose and throat regularly night and morning. You can't kill the grip germ by such means, but you can distinctly discourage him and increase your chances of paralyzing him and washing him down into the body sewers.

Finally, if the grip gets you in spite of everything, don't take it to heart. If you are in reasonably good health and take intelligent, self-indulgent care of yourself, you have little serious to fear from it.

Even its temporary agonies and miseries can be very greatly alleviated by the judicious use of mild pain relievers in skilled hands. They won't do anything

to cure you or even shorten the attack, but they will make you far less uncomfortable while it lasts and save no strain behind them. As for the complications and after effects that may occur, the vast majority of them are either aggravations of troubles which existed previously or can be avoided by proper rest and care. And while, as a famous authority has truly said, "Anything may happen to you after the grip," so it might also after a good dinner.

No Woman

Is clever if she lets you find her out! Ever failed to find at least a little trouble when she went to look for a great romantic adventure.

Declares that "charity covers a multitude of sins" without hoping that she will never need to borrow a corner of the mantle.

Misses a man when he goes out of her life half as much as she misses him when she imagines "how she will miss him"—when he goes.

Curling Iron Kills Hair; New Method Improves It

Many a woman loses the silky, fluffy and brilliant appearance of her hair through habitual use of the hot curling iron. Certainly it can do the hair no good to dry up its natural oil, since the life out of it, making it harsh, brittle and dull. And there's no excuse for continuing the use of that destructive instrument, now that we know what can be accomplished by applying plain liquid silberine.

The use of this harmless product really preserves the life, lustre and beauty of the hair, and the curly and wavy effect is perfectly natural looking and most captivating. If you've never tried it, by all means procure a few ounces from your druggist and use enough to moisten your hair from root to tip, putting it on with a clean tooth brush. The liquid silberine is neither gummy nor greasy, but quite pleasant to use.—Advertisement.

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